



The clerk of the court's job is to help the judge.



The clerk reads out the charge at the beginning of the trial. The judge may ask us to take an oath. If this happens the judge tells us to raise our right hand and asks, "Do you swear or solemnly affirm that the evidence you are about to present will be the truth - the whole truth - and nothing but the truth."

An oath is a promise to tell the truth. If you agree to tell the truth, say "I do."

A defendant may be punished because of what witnesses say. That is why it is so important to tell the truth in court. How would you tell the judge in your own words that you will tell the truth?

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